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We have been so thankful for the little rain this week. It has cooled things down a lot and the yards are beginning to turn green. Many of the trees are still in full bloom so with blue sunny skies and green countryside, it is a beautiful change from the dry, dusty and hot dry season. The state government is still on strike so the water board has not given us water in a few weeks. Our well in managing to help us with a little each day so we hope the new rains will help too.

Thursday was Dorothy's birthday so we started the day with decorating the dining room on the porch and giving her a few presents after breakfast. Because of the busyness of getting ready for Marie's big weekend, we postponed the birthday cake till Saturday. On Saturday afternoon the kids and I made the cake and decorated it. For some reason Dorothy refuses to make her own birthday cakes. After a few near disasters making the cake we proudly presented the cake complete with all the candles lit on Saturday evening. It tasted terrific and no one has gotten ill yet!

David has been complaining he had been having trouble seeing the blackboard in his classroom. Unfortunately he inherited a few bad genes from his parents, including bad eyes. So we have made several trips to the optometrist at Evangel to get his eyes examined. Finally on Thursday we got the verdict that he would benefit from glasses for classroom use. So we picked out the frames (there were two choices) and on Friday he proudly showed them to his classmates and friends. He wants to wear them in all sorts of situations so we will see how long the novelty lasts.

Marie was busy all week getting ready for the Junior/Senior banquet on Friday evening. The theme was "Phantom of the Opera" so the junior class did an amazing job of transforming the auditorium into an opera house complete with grand piano, chandelier, opera booths and a string ensemble (the Sampson family) playing the Phantom music through the evening. The girls wore beautiful gowns and the guys even looked handsome in their suits and ties. The food was outstanding and overall it was a great evening. Marie and her classmates worked very hard to make it a great evening and it was an outstanding success. She and her date looked great and had a good time together. The fourth grade teacher gave dance lessons for 3 sessions. The kids learned ballroom dancing, the tango, cha-cha, etc. The had fun getting everyone to dance. Then she was up all night at the "after party" so was pretty tired the rest of the weekend. We are thankful they had a good time, no one was hurt and they honored the Lord with their behavior.

My father is now staying with my sister and her husband. He is still very weak and is not eating much yet but at least he is out of the hospital and rehab center. Please continue to pray for Mom and Dad and my sister Sharon as they care for him. I am sure he is discouraged he is not making better progress but we are glad he has improved from a week ago. Thanks for your ongoing prayers for him.

I was on call this weekend and it was a busy weekend with one of the government hospitals in town still on strike. On Thursday and Friday of this week I have the Hillcrest Board meeting. We are so grateful for a good year and are beginning to look at the staffing needs and programs for next year.

Finally another David story. It has been so hot that we have needed all our house fans on every evening to sleep. David's "bedroom" is actually one third of our bedroom divided by the closet. He has a little fan in his end of the room which he turns on high speed every night. Yesterday he came to see me and asked, "Please Daddy, can I have a window. I never get a window. Can I please have a window?" You see his bedroom in our California house also did not have any windows either. So I promised him that some day he would get a window!

That's all for this week. Thanks for your prayers on our behalf.

In Christ,
 Bill Ardill

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